

SENATOR FOWLER: Thank you. It seems to me that we would be making a real mistake in this Legislature to put the campaign disclosure part back to February 15th whether or not we are changing from the old law or changing from no law. The sunshine act provides much more stringent disclosure provisions. I think that we would find that candidates that received contributions prior to February 15th would be accused of trying to sneak money in under the provisions of the old law rather than the new sunshine act. I think that would be very unfair to those candidates who were honestly trying to collect campaign contributions prior to February 15th. Beyond that I doubt that Senator DeCamp's compromise is going to satisfy the Governor. He will again accuse us of trying to hide things, indicate that candidates for public office probably are going to try and raise money in November and December of this year to avoid coming under the sunshine act. I think again he will veto it and we will be back in the situation of appearing like we have something to hide. I commend Senator Schmit and Senator Bereuter for opposing this. They are people that are mentioned as being candidates for public office next year and they don't seem to feel that there is any sort of campaign contribution in portion that would inhibit them in any way from running for office. I think that is the sort of spirit that we should take in this whole Legislature, reject the DeCamp amendments and kill LB 4 or perhaps restore it to its very original form as introduced as a revisor's bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like you to know that I appreciate the way you have been badgering my bill all over the place and I would like to take you back a little bit and take a few minutes to tell you what you ought to do with the bill. Senator Chambers, I think, probably misunderstood the bill originally and made a statement wrong and I think if he listens to what I have to say he will probably support LB 4. This was not a lobbyists bill. It was not written by the lobbyists. It was written by our most honorable Clerk, and if you will go back to the green copy on the original bill, you will find out exactly what we needed and what we did. LB 4, as originally stated, took a lobbyist fee from \$5 to \$25 and it took it from a one year registration to a two year registration and then the lobbyists would be registered until January 1st from one session to the next over a two year period. Then something happened in the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee and I don't really know what all happened but then Senator Dworak got on the floor and changed and added some more amendments to LB 4 and that is now the dilemma we find ourselves in. I think the Clerk needs, I think the Clerk needs LB 4 but I think we need it in its original form without all these amendments, without all this political accountability printing that has been added to it, and what I am going to tell the body is if they do not adopt these amendments, I have got a motion up there on the Clerk's desk to take and strike every amendment that has been